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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action issued on June 1, 2001,
applicant advises as follows:

Remarks

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as
being anticipated by Adler.

Thus rejection is traversed.

The Examiner states:

"Adler discloses a diffuse lighting arrangement comprising a
main power cord having a plug at one end thereof and incorporating
a plurality of identical minimally spaced apart strings of spaced
apart miniature lights extending from the power cord, the strings
of lights are substantially identical in length (figs 1 and 3),
the lights on each string are electrically connected in series and
parallel (col. 2, line 34)."

This reading of Adler is missing the gist of Adler, when the
invention is viewed "as a whole", as required by law.

Adler discloses a decorative light fixture (in the shape of